Remarks

The present amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 is submitted with a request for an extension of time and the appropriate fee. Applicants believe this amendment places the application in condition for allowance, and eliminates the issues for appeal.

The Advisory Action mailed November 9, 2006 stated that claims 8-13 are considered to be allowed. The Advisory Action also stated that claim 15 was considered allowed, though the Advisory Action declined entry of applicants' requested amendment to place claim 15 in independent form. Therefore, applicants are not clear what the status of claim 15 is, and resubmit the amendment requested in the previous amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116. The Advisory Action did state that the previously requested amended claim 15 would be allowable if submitted in a separate amendment cancelling the non-allowable claims.

Applicants request the cancellation of rejected claims 1-7 and 14 and the amendment of claim 15 as previously requested, but not entered. In addition, applicants request entry of amendments to the claim dependencies of claims 16, 17, and 18, so that claims 16-19 now depend from newly allowable claim 15. Applicants submit that because the requested amendments to claims 16, 17, and 18 change the dependency of claims 16-19 to a now allowable claim, those amendments do not raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or a new search, nor do they raise an issue of new matter.

Applicants submit that the above amendments remove all issues for appeal. Applicants therefore respectfully request allowance of claims 8-13 and 15-19 in accordance with the Advisory Action.

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